

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 11-29, 31-35, 37-52, and 54-57 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1, 16-18, 21, 31, 37-38, 40, 42, and 46-48 are amended. Hence, claims 1, 4, 6-9, 11-29, 31-35, 37-52, and 54-57 remain pending in the application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

In the Claims

In the Notice of Allowance of 10/14/2008, the Examiner provided an Examiner's Amendment to claims 1, 16-18, 21, 31, 37-38, 40, 42, and 46-48. This amendment was based upon a claim listing submitted by Applicant on 05/29/2008, which resulted from an Examiner Interview conducted on the same day. Unfortunately, some of the amendments were missed since the strikethrough marks and underline marks were rendered in a color other than black. Hence, these errors followed through on the Examiner's Amendment.

These errors were discussed with the Examiner in a telephone interview on 10/22/2008, and it was suggested that Applicant send in another amendment based on the Examiner's Amendment to make the required corrections. It was also suggested that the term "microprocessor device" is desirable as opposed to "microprocessor" because the addition of the term "device" precludes any potential 35 U.S.C. 101 issues going forward. Accordingly, the aforementioned claim listing is submitted herewith.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicant believes, in view of the amendments and arguments advanced above, that claims 1, 4, 6-9, 11-29, 31-35, 37-52, and 54-57 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested, and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Applicant also notes that any amendments made by way of this response, and the observations contained herein, are made solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent business Goals (PBG), 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (September 8, 2000), and are furthermore made without prejudice to Applicant under this or any other jurisdictions. It is moreover asserted that insofar as any subject matter might otherwise be regarded as having been abandoned or effectively disclaimed by virtue of amendments made herein and/or incorporated in attachments submitted with this response, Applicants wishes to reserve the right and hereby provides notice of intent to restore such subject matter and/or file a continuation application in respect thereof.

Applicant earnestly requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning this amendment, the application, or allowance of any claims thereof.

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